LOCAL FAMILY RULES OF PRACTICE FOR THE COURTS

OF THE 52ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

FLOYD COUNTY, INDIANA

Effective January 20, 2004

ORDER ADOPTING LOCAL FAMILY RULES OF PRACTICE

FOR THE CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR COURTS, 52nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, FLOYD COUNTY, INDIANA

PURSUANT TO TRIAL RULE 81 OF THE INDIANA RULES OF TRIAL PROCEDURE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE FOLLOWING LOCAL FAMILY RULES OF PRACTICE IN THE CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR COURTS OF THE 52nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, FLOYD COUNTY, INDIANA, BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY ADOPTED, EFFECTIVE January 20, 2004.

SO ORDERED THIS DAY OF January, 2004.
J. TERRENCE CODY; JUDGE, FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
RICHARD G. STRIEGEL; JUDGE, FLOYD SUPERIOR COURT

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RULE 1 APPLICABILITY OF RULES

- A. Scope. These rules shall apply in the Floyd County Circuit and Superior Court in all family law matters.
- B. Local Civil Rules. The Local Civil Rules of Practice enacted by the Courts shall be applicable in all family law matters when not in conflict with these Local Family Rules.
 - C. Effective Date. These local family rules shall be effective January 20, 2004.
 - D. Citation. These rules shall be cited as Local Family Rule ____.

RULE 2 PROVISIONAL ORDERS

- A. Content of Provisional Pleading. A motion requesting provisional relief under I.C. 31-15-4-1 must be accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the factual basis and the relief requested pursuant to I.C. 31-15-4-2. If the relief requested is in the nature of child support or other monetary assistance, the motion must contain information and documentation regarding each party's employment status and weekly gross income. When child support is requested, the motion must be accompanied by a Child Support Guideline
- B. Order Scheduling Hearing/Preliminary Hearing. A motion requesting provisional relief must be accompanied by a proposed order for the setting of a hearing. If the provisional request includes relief in the nature of child custody or child support, the Court will set the matter for a preliminary hearing on those
- C. Procedure in Lieu of Hearing. A movant may waive the hearing requirements of I.C. 31-15-4-4 & 5 through the use of a Notice of Ruling accompanying the motion for provisional relief. The Notice of Ruling shall contain the following:
 - (1) A waiver of the hearing requirements;
 - (2) The date for ruling which shall not be less than ten (10) working days from the filing of the motion, the movant's counsel to select the date;
 - (3) Notice that the Court will consider a written response to the Motion filed before the ruling date.

If a response to the motion for provisional relief is filed on or before the ruling date, the Court shall

extend the ruling date by five (5) working days to allow the movant to file a reply to the response.

If service of the Summons and Notice of Ruling occurs on a date beyond the selected ruling date, the ruling date shall be automatically extended for ten (10) working days from the date of service and the time limitations for the filing of a response and a reply to the response shall be followed.

- **D.** Request for Hearing. When a waiver of the hearing requirements has been made by the movant for provisional relief, the opposing party may, nonetheless, request hearing dates in accordance with the provisions of I.C. 31-15-4-4 & 5. A request for hearing dates must be filed within ten (10) days of the service of Summons and Notice of Ruling and must be accompanied by a proposed Order for the setting of a hearing. A request for hearing shall cancel the Notice of Ruling procedure described in Section C and the Court shall immediately schedule a hearing.
- E. Effect of Change of Venue. The filing of a motion for a change of venue from the Judge by either party shall not divest the Court of jurisdiction from issuing a preliminary order on temporary custody, child support or parenting time. A written request for such a determination must be filed within five (5) days of service on the motion for change of venue. The filing of such a request shall be accompanied by a proposed Order for the setting of a preliminary hearing on those issues.

RULE 3 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM

A. Requirement. In all contested dissolution and separation actions, each party shall prepare and exchange within forty -five (45) days of the filing of the action, a Verified Financial Disclosure Form in substantial compliance with the form set forth in the Appendix to these Local Family Rules of Practice. For good cause, the time limit may be extended or shortened by Court Order.

At the time of the filing of the action, the moving party shall serve a Notice upon the opposing party of the requirement to exchange a Verified Financial Disclosure Form. Such Notice shall be in substantial compliance with that set forth in the Appendix to these Local Family Rules of Practice.

- **B.** Exceptions. The Verified Financial Disclosure Form need not be exchanged if the parties agree in writing within thirty (30) days of the initial filing to waive exchange or the proceeding is uncontested, or the proceeding is one in which service is by publication and there is no pro se response by the Respondent or appearance by counsel for Respondent, or upon order of Court waiving such exchange.
- **C. Mandatory Discovery**. The exchange of the Verified Financial Disclosure Form constitutes mandatory discovery, therefore, the Indiana Trial Rule of Procedures, Trial Rule 37 sanctions apply. Additionally, pursuant to Trial Rule 26 E(2) and (3), the Form shall be supplemented if additional material becomes available.

D. Statement Considered Confidential. When a Verified Financial Disclosure Form is filed with the Court, it shall be sealed and designated "Confidential.".

RULE 4 CHILD SUPPORT USE OF SUPPORT GUIDELINES

- A. Contested Hearings. In all hearings involving child support, each party shall submit to the Court an Indiana Child Support Guideline Worksheet in such form consistent with that set forth in the Indiana Child Support Rules and Guidelines.
- **B.** Settlement Agreements. In all settlement agreements in which child support is established, a Child Support Guideline Worksheet shall be attached as an exhibit with the affirmation executed by the parties.
- C. Deviation from Guidelines. If an agreement of the parties or a court order regarding child support deviates from the Guidelines, an adequate explanation for such a deviation must be set forth in the agreement or the order.
- **D.** Effective Date. All orders establishing or modifying child support shall be effective on the Friday immediately following the date on which the request for child support was filed unless otherwise provided for by statute, case law or agreement of the parties approved by the Court.

RULE 5 PARENTING TIME

- A. Use of Parenting Time Guidelines. Unless the Court enters specific orders to the contrary or unless the parties otherwise agree parenting time shall be in accordance with the Indiana Parenting Time Guidelines
- **B.** Settlement Agreement. In all settlement agreements in which parenting time is established, the parties shall certify in such agreement that they have received a copy of such guidelines and have read and understand the same.

RULE 6 TRANSPARENTING SEMINAR REQUIREMENT

A. Mandatory Attendance. In any dissolution or separation proceeding involving children under the age of eighteen (18) years of age, both parties to the proceedings shall attend and complete the

"Transparenting Seminar" or such other program or seminar which the Court may designate. In any postdissolution proceeding where custody is in issue, both parties shall attend and complete the seminar or program unless a party has completed the seminar or program within the prior two (2) years.

- B. Failure to Attend Seminar. A failure to register, attend, and complete the seminar or program may constitute cause for denial of the granting of the dissolution or the relief requested and a continuance of the matter until attendance has been accomplished. A party, with leave of court, may attend another similar seminar or program.
- **C. Notice Requirement**. At the time of the filing of a dissolution or separation proceeding or a post-dissolution proceeding where custody is in issue, the moving party shall serve a Notice upon the opposing party of the requirement of attendance in the "Transparenting Seminar" or other such program.
- **D.** Waiver of Requirement. Upon motion or its own motion, the Court may waive the requirement for either or both parties to attend and complete the seminar.

RULE 7 RELIEF UNDER TRIAL RULE 65 (E) (1)

- A. Temporary Restraining Order. In accordance with the provisions of Trial Rule 65(E)(1), the court will issue a temporary restraining order applicable to both parties upon the filling of a verified petition by either party alleging that injury would result to the moving party if no order were to issue and requesting that both parties be enjoined from:
 - (1) Transferring, encumbering, concealing or otherwise disposing of any joint property of the parties or assets of the marriage without the written consent of the parties or permission of the court; and/or
 - (2) Removing any child of the parties then residing in the State of Indiana from the State with the intent to deprive the court of jurisdiction over such child without the prior written consent of the parties or permission of the court.
- B. Form of Temporary Restraining Order. The moving party shall prepare such order in compliance with Trial Rule 65 (E) (1).
- C. Immediate Entry of Temporary Restraining Order. A request for a temporary restraining order will be entered in the record by the Clerk of the Court immediately upon filing and without bringing the matter to the attention of the Judge or waiting for the Judge to sign the original. Attorneys may use the Court's signature stamp for the convenience of the Clerk and counsel.

RULE 8

EX PARTE ORDERS/EMERGENCY RELIEF

- A. Requests for Emergency Relief. All requests for emergency relief in family law matters shall comply with the provisions of Indiana Trial Rule 65(B) and I.C. 31-15-4.
- **B. Court Scrutiny**. All requests for emergency relief will be carefully reviewed by the Court giving due regard to the following:
 - (1) Rule 3.5 of the Rules of Professional Conduct, In the Matter of Anonymous, 729 NE 2d 566, and In the Matter of Anonymous, 786 NE 2d 1185.
 - (2) Canon 3(b)(8) of the Code of Judicial Conduct and Opinion Canon 3#1-01 issued by the Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications.
- C. Issuance of Ex Parte Order. The Court may, without the necessity of notice or hearing, issue the requested emergency order ex parte upon the Court's finding that an emergency exists and that immediate and irreparable injury, loss or damage will occur before an adversarial hearing can be scheduled.
- **D. Order Scheduling Hearing**. If the Court issues an ex parte order granting the emergency relief requested, the matter shall be set for an adversarial hearing as soon as possible. The party granted the emergency relief shall tender a proposed order for the setting of a hearing date. This order shall include the following language:

"As the recipient of this ex parte order for ______, upon two (2) working days notice to the party who obtained such order (or in such shorter notice as the court may prescribe), you shall be allowed to appear before the Court and be heard regarding the issuance of this order."

RULE 9 EXPEDITED HEARINGS

An expedited hearing is a proceeding in open Court where the evidence is presented in summary narrative fashion by counsel or the parties, pro se, accompanied by the submission of documentary evidence when applicable. The Court may question the parties or counsel. Formal rules of evidence and procedure shall not apply, except that the Court shall endeavor to insure that traditional concepts of trustworthiness of evidence and fundamental fairness are observed.

All requests for enforcement or modification of existing orders and decrees may first be scheduled for an "expedited" hearing. Each party shall bring to the expedited hearing all documentary evidence as required by these Local Rules. All persons seeking relief, and any party opposing the relief sought, are required to attend the expedited hearing. The parties shall first meet in a settlement conference at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled hearing. If they are unable to agree, the Court will hear and determine the matters at issue between the parties at the expedited hearing.

Any party, in open Court at the commencement of the expedited hearing, may demand an

evidentiary hearing at which all rules of trial procedure and evidence will be observed. If such demand is made, the matters then at issue between the parties will be scheduled, heard, and determined at such evidentiary hearing. The Court may, however, conduct an expedited hearing to consider and determine any emergency matters or other necessary temporary orders until the evidentiary hearing can be held. The Court may, on its own motion, either before or after the expedited hearing, decline to determine any issues on the evidence presented at such hearing and shall thereafter scheduled such issues for evidentiary hearing.

RULE 10 FINAL HEARING ON DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

- A. Scheduling. A final hearing on a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage shall be set by the Court in accordance with Local Civil Rule 7(E) if the cause is contested. If the cause is not contested, a final hearing shall be held at such time as is mutually convenient to the parties and the Court or at such time as generally set by the Court for hearings on uncontested matters.
- **B. Expedited Hearing**. Any party may request that the Final Hearing on a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage be held under the procedure for an expedited hearing. Such request shall be made in writing and filed with the Court. Unless the other party files, within ten (10) working days, a written objection to proceeding in expedited fashion, the Court will schedule the trial for an expedited hearing under the procedures outlined in Local Family Rule 9.
- C. Notice in Uncontested Action. In an uncontested action, written notice of an intention to proceed to final hearing on a date and time certain shall be given to a party not represented by counsel. The written notice shall be sent to the last known address of the party not represented and proof of service shall not be required, however, a copy of said notice shall be submitted to the Court at the time of the final hearing.
- **D.** Summary Disposition/Attachments Required A summary disposition on a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage shall be entered by the Court upon submission of the appropriate documentation to the Court in accordance with statutory requirements.

In all summary dispositions in which child support is established, a copy of the child support guideline worksheet shall be attached as an exhibit with the affirmation thereon executed by the parties. In cases where there is a deviation from the child support guidelines, an adequate explanation for such a deviation must be set forth in the summary disposition decree.

In all summary dispositions in which parenting time is referenced in the settlement agreement/dissolution decree, the parties shall certify that they have received a copy of the Indiana Parenting Time Guidelines and that they have read and understand the same.

RULE 11

SUBMISSION OF AGREED MATTERS

No agreed matter shall be submitted to the Court unless it is in writing and signed by the parties and/or counsel and accompanied with other appropriate documents. However, if the parties reach an agreement just prior to hearing or trial, then the Court may accept evidence of that settlement by way of a handwritten entry or on the record followed by the submission of a written agreement within a reasonable

RULE 12 EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTESTED HEARINGS

In all contested hearings, each party shall submit the following exhibits to the Court, if applicable.

- (a) A Child Support Guideline Worksheet.
- (b) A calculation of the child support arrearage.
- (c) A listing of the marital assets with an indication of fair market value.
- (d) A listing of the marital debts with an indication of the balance due and the monthly payment requirement. minimum
- (e) The parties' proposed distribution of marital assets and debts.

RULE 13 SERVICE ON REDOCKETED MATTERS

- A. Trial Rule 4 Service Required. Service of process on a party in post-dissolution actions, such as petitions for modifications and applications for rule to show cause, must comply with Trial Rule 4 of the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure. Service of process upon the attorney who represented the party in the underlying dissolution action shall be deemed insufficient.
- B. Termination of Appearance. The appearance of an attorney for, and his or her representation of, a party shall be conclusively presumed to be withdrawn or terminated five (5) days from the expiration of the time within which a Notice of Appeal must be filed.

RULE 14 CHILD SUPPORT MODIFICATIONS

Unless waived by the parties in writing or by Order of the Court, a hearing on a Petition to Modify a child support obligation established by an Order of Dissolution of Marriage, an Order Establishing Paternity, an Order Decreeing a Legal Separation, or an Order Establishing Child Support Obligation, will not be

scheduled until discovery has been completed and notice of compliance is filed with the Court. The Court shall then schedule a hearing on the pending Petition to Modify.

APPENDIX

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU MUST FILE YOUR **VERIFIED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT** WITH THE OPPOSING PARTY WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE FILING DATE OF THIS CASE. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN YOUR ADMITTING ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE OPPOSING PARTY'S VERIFIED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.

THE **VERIFIED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS** CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE COURT WHERE THIS ACTION IS FILED.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT COMMENTARY

The form included herein is intended to expedite and facilitate the preparation for trial and disposition of contested marriage dissolution cases.

It is for use in all dissolution cases in which distribution of property is an issue. It is intended also to facilitate a full disclosure of all assets of the parties and should be supplemented where necessary to accomplish that purpose. If needed, use additional sheets and attach with appropriate references.

The parties shall stipulate in writing those assets and liabilities and other matters as to which there is no disagreement.

When supplying the information called for, give the actual or, where the nature of the assets requires, the appraised or estimated value (indicating which) of each asset at the date of the final separation of the parties.

If any asset is located outside the jurisdiction of this Court, state where it is located and, if necessary, give details on a separate sheet. Indicate how much of the value of each asset held in joint ownership was

contributed by the husband (h) and how much by the wife (w).

The parties shall state under oath that they have made full disclosure of assets and liabilities.

The Court recognizes that this form calls for information that may not be appropriate in every case. In those cases in which it is not totally inappropriate, merely supply information appropriate to the case at hand and indicate those inquiries that are not applicable.

STATE OF INDIANA)	IN THE FLOYDCOURT
COUNTY OF FLOYD)	CAUSE NO
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Petitioner	
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vs	
Respondent	
In accordance with Local Rules	FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT and Indiana Trial Rules 33 and 34, the undersigned, Petitioner or ring VERIFIED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:
I. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION	<u>ON</u>
Full Name	
Children:	Age DOB

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Net Income	Per Week	Bi-Weekly	Per Month	Yearly
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C. OTHER INCOME		
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Source	Amounts Received	Reason for Entitlement
Fringe Benefits; including Memberships, Cafeteria Plan, etc.	but not limited to Company Au	tomobile, Health Insurance, Clul
Type of Benefit		Annual Value

III. REQUIRED INCOME VERIFICATION

You are required by the Trial Court to attach the following:

- 1. Your three most recent paycheck stubs.
- 2. A full and complete copy including schedules of your last Federal Income Tax Return.
- 3. The first page of your last State Income Tax Return.

IV. PROPERTY

A. MARITAL RESIDENCE	
Description	
Purchase Price	Down Payment
Source of Down Payment	
Current Indebtedness	
Monthly Payment	
Current Fair Market Value	
B. OTHER REAL PROPERTY	
Description	
Location	
Date Acquired	
Purchase Price	Down Payment
Source of Down Payment	
Current Indebtedness	
Monthly Payment	

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BANK ACCOUNTS TO WHICH THE PETITIONER/RESPONDENT HAS HAD V. A DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST WITHIN THE LAST 3 YEARS (This includes any bank account to which the Petitioner or Respondent has deposited money) Balance Current Name Description Account No Date Opened Date Separated Balance VI. STOCKS, BONDS AND CD'S Balance Current Name of Depository Description & No Date Acquired Date Separated Balance

VII.	INSURAN	CE POLICI	<u>ES</u>			
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Creditor	Account No	Monthly Payment	Current Balance	

XI. MONTHLY EXPENSES

Housing (Rent or Mortgage)_		Transportation
2nd Mortgage		(a) Gas/Oil
Gas/Electric		(b) Car Repairs
Water/Sewer		Car Payment
Telephone		Home Ins.
Garbage Pickup		Property Tax
Food		Charge Accounts
Medical (Self)		(a) Name
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Cleaning/Laundry		
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Acquired from _____

XIII. SUMMARY OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS OF DATE OF FINAL SEPARATION

Asset	Husband's Name	Wife's Name	Jointly Held	Total
Family Dwelling				
Other Real Property				
Bank or Savings Accts				
Stocks/Bonds/Securities				
Notes & Accts Receivable				
Furniture/Motor Vehicles				
Life Ins-Cash Surrender Value				
Retirement Funds-Vested				
Business Interests				
Other Assets				
Total Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$
Liabilities				
General Creditors				
Mortgage on Family Dwelling				
Mortgages on Other Real Estate				
Notes to Banks and Others				
Loans on Insurance Policies				
Other Liabilities				
Total Liabilities	\$	\$	\$	\$
ASSETS MINUS LIABILITIES	\$	\$	\$ 5	<u> </u>

XIV.	PERSONAL STATEMENT REGARDIN	G DIVISION OF PROPERTY	
	Indiana law presumes that the marital proper Judge may order a division which may differ property. Please provide a brief statement a Court should divide your property on anythm.	er from an exact 50/50 division of your s to your reasons, if there be any, why the	
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XV.	VERIFICATION & DUTY TO SUPPLEM	TENT OR AMEND	-
	I affirm, under penalties for perjury, that the of my knowledge and belief. Further, I under this VERIFIED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURI which has been provided is either incorrect provided is no longer true.	erstand that I am under a duty to supplemer E STATEMENT prior to trial if I learn that t	it or amend
	SO DECLARED this day of		
	S	ignature	
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Staten record Mailbo	I hereby certify that a true and accurate nent was this day of,, of [list names and addresses] either in personx.	delivered to the opposing party or their a	attorney of
		etitioner/Respondent by Counsel or Pro	 se

NOTICE: THIS VERIFIED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS TO BE TREATED AS A REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS TO THE RECIPIENT. SHOULD THE RECIPIENT FAIL TO PREPARE AND SEND HIS STATEMENT, THEN THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN WILL BE DEEMED ADMITTED BY THE COURT.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE 45 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF FILING IN THIS DISSOLUTION ACTION TO DELIVER YOUR VERIFIED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

STATEMENT.